

# **HEDIS Measurement Descriptions**

**A brief description of each HEDIS measure for reporting year 2006 (data measurement year 2005) chosen by the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance is found below. Additional information regarding descriptions, eligible population, administrative specifications, and exclusions can be found in HEDIS® 2006 Technical Specifications, Volume 2.**

## **Breast Cancer Screening**

The percentage of women 50 – 69 years of age who had a mammogram during the measurement year or the year prior to the measurement year.

## **Cervical Cancer Screening**

The percentage of women 18 – 64 years of age who received one or more Pap tests during the measurement year or the two years prior to the measurement year.

## **Diabetic HbA1c Testing**

The percentage of persons 18 – 75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who had one or more HbA1c tests during the measurement year.

## **Diabetic Retinal Exams**

The percentage of persons 18 – 75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who had a retinal eye examination performed during the measurement year.

## **LDL-C Screening**

The percentage of persons 18 – 75 years of age with diabetes (type 1 and type 2) who had a LDL-C screening during the measurement year.

## **Appropriate Medications for People with Asthma**

The percentage of persons 5 – 56 years of age during the measurement year who were identified as having persistent asthma and who were appropriately prescribed medication during the measurement year.

### **Adults' Access to Preventive/Ambulatory Services**

The percentage of persons 20 – 44, 45 – 64, and 65 years of age and older who had an ambulatory or preventive care visit during the measurement year.

### **Children's Access to Primary Care Providers**

The percentages of persons 12 – 24 months, 25 months – 6 years, 7 -11 years, and 12 – 19 years of age who had a visit with a Managed Care practitioner during the measurement year.

### **Well Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life**

The percentage of persons who turned 15 months old during the measurement year and who had the following number of well-child visits with a primary care practitioner during the first 15 months of life: zero; one; two; three; four; five; six or more.

### **Well-Child Visits in the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Years of Life**

The percentage of persons who were three, four, five, or six years of age during the measurement year who received one or more well-child visits with a primary care practitioner during the measurement year.

### **Adolescent Well-Care Visits**

The percentage of persons who were 12 -19 years of age who had at least one comprehensive well-care visit with a primary care practitioner or an OB/GYN during the measurement year.

### **Prenatal Care**

The percentage of deliveries of live births between November 6 of the year prior to the measurement year and November 5 of the measurement year that received a prenatal care visit as a member of managed care in the first trimester or within 42 days of enrollment in managed care.

### **Childhood Immunization Status**

The percentage of enrolled children who turn 2 years of age during the measurement year who had four DtaP/DT, three IPV, one MMR, three H influenza type B, three hepatitis B, one chicken pox vaccine (VZV) and four pneumococcal conjugate vaccines by their second birthday.

### Utilization Indicators – Inpatient

Utilization summary percentages of persons age birth through 85 years of age in the service categories of total services, maternity, surgery, and medicine.

- **Total services** excludes non acute care, newborns, and mental health and chemical dependency; the sum of the categories of maternity, surgery, and medicine
- **Maternity** includes all inpatient hospitalizations for maternity-related reasons, including abortions and antepartum days.
- **Surgery** includes all inpatient hospitalizations for surgery related reasons excluding maternity-related discharges
- **Medicine** includes all inpatient hospitalizations for medicine related reasons excluding maternity and surgery related discharges

### Utilization Indicators – Ambulatory Care

Utilization summary of visits or procedures per 1000 member months of persons age birth through 85 years of age in the categories of outpatient, emergency department, ambulatory surgery, and ambulatory care observation room. Mental health and chemical dependency services are excluded.

- **Outpatient** includes face-to-face professional ambulatory care encounters between the practitioner and the patient
- **Emergency Department** includes ED visits not resulting in an inpatient stay and visits to urgent care centers
- **Ambulatory surgery** includes ambulatory surgery/procedures performed at a hospital outpatient facility or at a freestanding surgery center; excludes office based surgeries/procedures
- **Observation** includes each stay in an observation room that does not result in an inpatient stay